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GENEVA VISIT OF EUCOM COMMAND SURGEON

1. VISITING EUCOM COMMAND SURGEON CHONG HELD A SERIES
OF MEETINGS IN GENEVA ON JULY 29.

-- ERIC MORRIS, UNHCR DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, SAID THAT THE THREE PRIORITIES FOR
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GOMA ARE NOW 1) WATER TANKERS, 2) CHOLERA RELATED
PACKAGES AND 3) HIGH PROTEIN FOOD.

-- TANKERS, A MEDICAL BATTALION WITH A 1000 COT
REHYDRATION CENTER, AND SANITATION AND BURIAL EQUIPMENT
ARE BACKING UP AT RHEIN MEIN AFB BECAUSE OF LIMITED
LANDING SLOTS AVAILABLE AT GOMA.

-- MORRIS STRESSED THAT A LAND ROUTE INTO GOMA HAD TO
BE OPENED.

-- UNHCR REPORTED THAT DEATHS FROM CHOLERA ARE RUNNING
AT 1,800/DAY OR A RATE OF 15/10,000.

-- ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF CASES IS STILL INCREASING,
THE MORTALITY RATE HAS BEEN DECREASING FOR THE PAST TWO
DAYS.

-- 11 DOCTORS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
(CDC) IN ATLANTA HAVE ARRIVED IN GOMA.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS INSIDE RWANDA

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2. ICRC DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS GROSSRIEDER ON JULY 29 SAID THAT FIGHTING WAS STILL GOING ON NEAR KIBUNGU, WHERE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 60,000 DISPLACED.

-- ICRC THINKS THAT THERE ARE ONE TO TWO MILLION DISPLACED WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. THEY MAY BE IN THE FOREST NEAR BUTARE AND COULD BEGIN MOVING
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AT ANY TIME.

-- ICRC REPORTS THAT THE CONDITION OF THE REFUGEES AT GIKONGORO IS WORSE THAN IN GOMA DUE TO MALNUTRITION, ALTHOUGH CHOLERA IS NOT YET A PROBLEM.

-- ICRC IS WORRIED THAT THE 8,500 TUTSIS BEING PROTECTED BY THE FRENCH IN NYARUSHISGHI NEAR CYANGUGU WILL BE SLAUGHTERED WITHIN HOURS IF THE FRENCH DEPART; ICRC IS PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THIS GROUP.

3. IN A SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH ICRC DESK OFFICER, ROLAND SIDLER, ON 28 JULY, ICRC SAID THAT IT WAS NOW IN

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THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING CONDITIONS AND OBTAINING A MORE
ACCURATE HEAD COUNT IN THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST. ICRC
SAID THAT THE INFLUX INTO BUKAVU HAD ESSENTIALLY STOPPED
AND REPORTS OF 500,000 IN CYANGUGU ARE INACCURATE.

-- BASED ON INITIAL ASSESSMENTS, ICRC SAID THAT NUMBERS
OF DISPLACED IN THE FRENCH ZONE COULD BE WILDLY
DISTORTED. WHILE INITIAL FRENCH NUMBERS FOR THE KIBUYE
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AREA WERE ESTIMATED TO BE 200,000, ICRC ONLY COUNTED
10,000 DISPLACED AND 50,000 EN ROUTE EAST TOWARD KIGALI.

-- SIDLER SAID THAT IF NUMBERS IN THE SOUTHWEST ARE
ABOVE 500,000 AND IN THE RANGE OF 1-1.5 MILLION PEOPLE,
ICRC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH ASSISTANCE TO THE
DISPLACED WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE U.N. AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS.

-- ICRC IS IN THE PROCESS OF AUGMENTING ITS KIGALI
DELEGATION AND CLOSING THE RILIMA SUB-DELEGATION.

-- ICRC HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR RWANDA IS NOW IN THE
NORTHWEST AND GOMA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSESSMENT WITH
ICRC HEADQUARTERS STAFF AND OTHER ICRC RWANDA DELEGATES.

-- IN THE NORTHWEST, ICRC IS NOW ASSESSING THE
POSSIBILITY OF MANAGING THE WATER PUMP IN GISENYI. THE
TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO HEADQUARTERS IN
THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

-- ICRC SAID THAT THE U.S. MILITARY COULD BE OF MOST
ASSISTANCE IN THE LOGISTICS, FOOD, AND WATER SECTORS IN
RWANDA.

-- ICRC HEADQUARTERS STAFF COMMENTED ON THE LACK OF
INFORMATION FROM THEIR DELEGATES IN THE REGION;
COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN LIMITED.

REFUGEE STATISTICS

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4. UNHCR STATISTICS AS OF JULY 29 FOLLOW. (NOTE.
UNHCR ATTRIBUTES CHANGES IN NUMBERS TO MORE ACCURATE
REPORTING AND COUNTING BY UNHCR AND NGO FIELD STAFF.
END NOTE.)

A. TOTALS (ESTIMATES ONLY -- THESE NUMBERS CHANGE
CONSTANTLY):

RWANDESE REFUGEES -- 2.2 MILLION

-- ZAIRE 1.5 MILLION
-- TANZANIA 298,400
-- BURUNDI 353,000
-- UGANDA 10,500

RWANDESE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS -- 1.1. MILLION

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-- GIKONGORO 600,000

-- CYANGUGU 500,000 (AS NOTED ABOVE, COULD BE
OVER-ESTIMATED)

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BURUNDI REFUGEES -- 226,000

-- RWANDA 60,000
-- TANZANIA 68,800
-- ZAIRE 106,000

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RETURNEES -- 425,000
-- BURUNDIS 392,500
-- RWANDESE 95,000 (INCLUDES 60,000 FROM GOMA)

B. ARRIVAL RATES

IN TANZANIA

-- KARAGUE 2,000 A DAY (29 JULY)
-- BENACO (THROUGH BURUNDI)
- 5,300 ON 25 JULY
- 5,300 ON 26 JULY
- 3,500 ON 27 JULY

C. BREAKDOWNS BY REGIONS/MAIN CAMPS

ZAIRE -- GOMA

-- KATALE 300,000
-- KIBUMBA 300,000
-- MUGUNGA 250,000

ZAIRE -- SOUTH KIVU

-- BUKAVU 314,000
-- UVIRA 206,000 (INCLUDES 100,000 BURUNDIS)

TANZANIA -- NGARA

-- BENACO 186,400
-- LUMASI 79,000
-- LUKOLE 8,800

TANZANIA -- KARAGWE

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-- MURONGO 10,000
-- KAGENYI 32,000

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-- CHABILISA 46,000
-- BURINGI 5,000

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UNHCR MEETING WITH KEY DONORS

5. ERIC MORRIS CHAIRED A MEETING WITH KEY DONOR
CONTRIBUTORS ON 7/29 TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "SERVICE PACKAGES." HE WANTED TO
GET A CLEAR FIX AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN OFFERED AND TO AVOID
DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS A
CERTAIN FRUSTRATION ON THE PART OF ALL INVOLVED THAT
ASSISTANCE WAS NOT MOVING AS QUICKLY AS DESIRED. HE
SAID IT HAD BEEN A DISCOURAGING DAY, AND NO ONE SHOULD

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BE UNDER ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT A "QUICK FIX" IN GOMA.
(MISSION HAS FAXED LATEST UNHCR PRINT-OUT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRM/AAA FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN
WASHINGTON.)

-- MORRIS EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO BEGIN TO USE TRUCK
CONVOYS BY ROAD FROM ENTEBBE TO GOMA, DUE TO LIMITATIONS
AT GOMA AIRPORT. HE SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR FURTHER
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ASSESSMENTS; WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS ROAD CAPACITY.

-- SURPRISINGLY, THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION HAS SAID IT
IS CONSIDERING PROVIDING SERVICE PACKAGE THREE (ROAD
SERVICING/SECURITY).

-- MORRIS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION
IN SOUTHWEST RWANDA AS THE FRENCH WITHDRAW. HE WAS
CONCERNED THAT OBSERVERS HAD UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS
ABOUT THE ABILITY OF UNAMIR QUICKLY TO DEPLOY
FULLY-EQUIPPED TROOPS IN THE AREA.

JOINT AIR CELL SCHEDULING PRIORITIES

6. THE JOINT AIR CELL (PARTICULARLY U.S. LT. COL.
NEGRON) HAS DONE A TERRIFIC JOB OF SCHEDULING FLIGHTS
INTO GOMA UNDER VERY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. EVERY DONOR
AND AGENCY SEEMS TO CONSIDER ITS OWN SHIPMENTS TO BE THE
MOST IMPORTANT AND DESERVING OF EARLY SLOTS INTO GOMA.
NEGRON ALERTED US ON 7/30 TO AN IMMEDIATE CONCERN ABOUT
SCHEDULING IN THE COMING DAYS. GIVEN THE SHORTAGE OF
JET AVIATION FUEL IN THE REGION, THE U.S. (WHICH CAN FLY
IN FUEL FOR ITSELF AND, TO A LIMITED EXTENT, FOR OTHERS)
IS CURRENTLY ABLE TO SEND MORE PLANES INTO GOMA THAN
OTHER DONORS. THIS COULD PRESENT A PUBLIC RELATIONS
PROBLEM IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SINCE SOME DONORS SEEM TO
BELIEVE THIS IS BECOMING A U.S.-DOMINATED OPERATION.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT COULD MEAN THAT THE CURRENT HIGHEST
PRIORITIES (FOOD AND MEDICINE; WATER TANKERS ARE ALREADY
SCHEDULED FOR ARRIVAL) COULD BE DELAYED DUE TO THE LACK

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OF FUEL, WHILE SOME U.S. SHIPMENTS THAT ARE LOWER
PRIORITY WOULD THEN HAVE SLOTS OPEN TO THEM. THIS MAY
ALL IRON ITSELF OUT SHORTLY, BUT JOINT AIR CELL
SCHEDULING REMAINS A BIT OF A POLITICAL FOOTBALL. SPIEGEL

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